

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lantern lock, comprising:
  - a socket assembly comprising a base, a threaded light bulb socket
  - 5 attached to said base, and a power cord electrically attached to said socket;
  - a mounting stud attached to said socket assembly; and
  - a spreading frame fixedly attached to said mounting stud, said spreading frame for holding a light shade in a fixed position.
- 10 2. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
  - said shade comprises a collapsible accordion-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said style-
  - style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.
- 15 3. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 2, wherein:
  - said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said style-style lantern shade to expand said style-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said style-style lantern shade in said expanded position.
- 20 4. The lantern lock of claim 2, wherein said spreading frame comprises:
  - at least one hook positioned in proximity to said socket assembly base;
  - at least one extension arm having a first end attached to and extending from said socket assembly base, and a second end; and
  - 25 at least one retaining mechanism attached at said second end of said at least one extension arm.
5. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
  - said mounting stud comprises a hollow cylindrical tube wherein said
  - 30 power cord is threaded through said tube.

6. A lantern lock, comprising:  
a socket assembly comprising a threaded light bulb socket and a power  
cord electrically attached to said socket;  
a clamp which clamps at least a portion of said socket assembly;  
5 a mounting stud attached to said clamp; and  
a spreading frame fixedly attached to said socket assembly, said  
spreading frame for holding a light shade in a fixed position.

7. The lantern lock of claim 6, wherein:  
10 said portion of said socket assembly comprises said threaded light bulb  
socket.

8. The lantern lock of claim 6, wherein:  
said portion of said socket assembly comprises said power cord.

15 9. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 6, wherein:  
said shade comprises a collapsible style-style lantern shade having a  
plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said style-style  
lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

20 10. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 9, wherein:  
said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said style-style  
lantern shade to expand said style-style lantern shade to said expanded  
position and to retain said style-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

25 11. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 7, wherein:  
said shade comprises a collapsible style-style lantern shade having a  
plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said style-style  
lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

30 12. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said style-style lantern shade to expand said style-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said style-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

5           13. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 8, wherein:  
          said shade comprises a collapsible style-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said style-style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

10           14. A lantern lock in accordance with claim 13, wherein:  
          said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said style-style lantern shade to expand said style-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said style-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

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